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Alumni To Be Recognized for Achievement

Potomac State will honor five individuals during the Homecoming banquet on Saturday, October 16. The event will be held in the Davis Conference Center with the social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Libby Nichols at 304-788-6870, 800-262-7332 or lmnichols@mail.wvu.edu. For a complete Homecoming schedule, visit our Web site at www.potomacstatecollege.edu.

Alumni Achievement



H. Louis Moore

H. Louis 'Lou' Moore graduated from Potomac State College in 1950 and currently serves as Professor of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at

Penn State University in Pennsylvania, where he also earned a master's degree in 1956. Moore, who has served as a faculty member for more than five decades at Penn State, focuses his educational programs on marketing and farm policy. In 1990, Moore shifted his focal point to the global arena. He has worked with 12 of the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union as part of a faculty exchange program. In addition to hosting young economists from these areas, he has also hosted short-term visitors as part of the Cochran Fellowship Program.



Earl M. Kesler, Ph.D.

Dr. Kesler graduated from Potomac State in 1941 and earned both his master's degree and his Ph.D. from Penn State, where he served as Professor of Dairy Science for 36 years in the College of

Agriculture. Kesler authored/co-authored more than 140 scientific publications and mentored 65 graduate students who went on to distinguished careers, 18 of whom achieved doctoral degrees. In addition to being recognized as a 'Distinguished Alumnus' by both West Virginia University and Penn State, Kesler has received Habitat for Humanity awards and has been named 'Volunteer of the Year' by various agencies for his tireless hours of volunteer work.



John Ziegler, Ph.D.

Dr. Ziegler graduated from Potomac State in 1948 earning an associate degree in agriculture. He earned three degrees in animal science, a bachelor's in 1950, a master's in 1952 and his Ph.D. in 1965

from Penn State University where he also taught in the Department of Animal Science for 21 years and in Food Science for 12 years. Dr. Ziegler served Penn State in many capacities; he was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science and was the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award. In addition, Dr. Ziegler has served as a judge at his voting precinct and as a council member.

Young Alumni

Matthew Simmons has achieved much during his young life. Matt graduated from Potomac State in 1999 with an associate degree in biology. He earned both his bachelor's degree and doctorate of medicine from West Virginia University, performing his residency at Ruby Memorial Hospital. Matt's specialty is infectious diseases. His current research involves the study of HIV genotype prevalent in a small city for more than

10 years. Matt was a WVU Presidential Scholar, graduated Summa Cum Laude, is a two-time recipient of the Award for Excellence in Patient Care, and received two separate commendations for excellence in patient care. Matt has given numerous medical presentations, submitted several abstracts and currently has two reports pending publication approval for the WV Medical Journal.



Distinguished Service

In addition to serving as chair of the music department at Potomac State, Charles Whitehill, Ph.D. also chaired the Division of Arts and Humanities for many years and was twice named 'Outstanding Professor of the Year.' He founded the College/Community Concert Band and Jazz Band, spending tireless hours at competitions assisting with various needs. Dr. Whitehill was one of the founding members of Highland Arts Unlimited, Inc. and will serve as president of

the non-profit organization for the 2010-2011 year. He and his wife, Becky, own Potomac Highland Vineyards and have given tours to agricultural students from the College. In the past they have extended an invitation for a tour and wine tasting to returning alumni during Homecoming festivities. Dr. Whitehill attends numerous events at the College; he has been and continues to be a faithful and loyal advocate for Potomac State.



Letter from the Alumni Office

It's great to be a Catamount!

Potomac State College is more than 100 years old and going strong in spite of the current economy. Our fall enrollment topped 1,800, many of whom are returning juniors and seniors in our four-year programs.

Just what makes our campus special? In the 14 years that I have been privileged to work with alumni, I have heard numerous times that the solid academic programs along with the caring faculty and staff truly make this a unique experience. Names such as Dr. Atwater, Professor Haines, Professor Gustafson, Professor Michael, Coach Lough, and Coach Reynolds are often referred to in an endearing manner. I believe that we're fortunate to have a College where the students have this type of environment in which to thrive.

The Alumni Association supports the College and stays connected to alumni, the community and current students. Some of our activities include hosting Homecoming, a Flower & Garden Show, Etiquette Luncheons, regional alumni dinners, an indoor tailgate party, and the Elmwood Band.

We also acknowledge outstanding alumni and friends with our Alumni Achievement, Distinguished Service, Young Alumni, Athletic Hall of Fame, and Scholars' Wall Alumni Awards. Nomination forms are available on our Web site at www.potomacstatecollege.edu; click on Alumni and Friends for forms, updates and a schedule of events.

You can also contact me at 304-788-6870 or 1-800-262-7332 ext 6870 or at lmnichols@mail.wvu.edu.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on the Alumni Board, to help organize events or serve as committee members. If you are interested in supporting the Alumni Association, please let us know. Whether you volunteer your time or provide monetary gifts to your alma mater, your assistance is the fuel needed to keep us moving in the right direction and we THANK YOU!

Libby Nichols
Alumni/Development Associate

Speakers inspire graduates



(L - R): Potomac State Provost Kerry Odell relayed greetings, introductions and a fond farewell message to graduating students during the 2010 Commencement ceremonies this past spring. Elizabeth A. Dooley, Ed.D., who serves as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs at WVU, gave the keynote address. She was introduced by Donna Shoemake, the recipient of the E. William Noland Outstanding Student Award. President of the PSC Alumni Association, Gary Parish, welcomed the graduates into the Alumni Association.

Alumni enjoy get-together



Members of the Alumni Association at Potomac State College recently joined other PSC Alumni for an evening of dining and reminiscing at Monroe's Restaurant in Kingwood, W.Va. Campus Provost Kerry Odell (right) gave an update of changes and renovations at the College. Pictured with Dr. Odell are Lela (Class of 1943) and Robert Bonner of Reedsville, W.Va. Also shown in the background is Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Andrea Bucklew, J.D. (far left).

Plaza renovated at Church-McKee

Campus Provost Kerry Odell noted that the renovated plaza at the Church-McKee Arts Center blends form and function. "It is pleasing to the eye and provides easy access to the theater for those unable to navigate stairs. Thanks to support from the state and from a private donor, the College has been able to address two very significant needs simultaneously," stated Odell.

The updated plaza has bench-type seating surrounded by shrubbery, flowers and trees making it a nicer area for students and the community. "The plaza is a beautiful addition to our campus and welcomes all who frequent our wonderful Arts Center," added Odell.



Alumni Spotlight Judge Phillip D. Gaujot



Judge Phillip D. Gaujot has served as an Administrative Law Judge for Workforce West Virginia for more than eight years and is an alumnus of the Class of 1965 at Potomac State. After graduating from the College, Judge Gaujot earned his bachelor's degree in political science from West Virginia University as well as his doctor of jurisprudence.

He began practicing law in 1971 as an assistant attorney general for the State of West Virginia; then in 1974, Judge Gaujot opened his own law firm representing both plaintiffs and defendants, working with individuals, corporations, and officials from the city, county and state level.

Judge Gaujot is experienced in a diverse range of different types of law including, property, contracts, domestic relations, corporate, higher education, product liability, wills and estates, personal injury and criminal law. "I have court room experience with the United States Supreme Court of Appeals as well as with the federal court system in West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania," stated Judge Gaujot.

Additionally, Judge Gaujot has served as city counsel for two West Virginia cities and for the Office of the Sheriff of Kanawha County, W.Va. He has represented a variety of agencies, commissions and offices including the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Judge Gaujot has served on numerous boards and holds memberships in the American Bar Association, the Monongalia County Bar, the West Virginia State Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the West Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Judge Gaujot and his wife, Carol Cooley Gaujot, are the parents of two grown sons, Phillip Todd and Ryan.

ALUMNI DINNER
BLACKWATER FALLS
October 30, 2010



Susan Haydel, English instructor at Potomac State, spent a month touring Alaska as a participant in the National Endowment for Humanities Summer Institute, "Native Cultures of Western Alaska and the Pacific Northwest Coast." Haydel traveled by ferries, buses and planes to various native sites, museums and a native village to study and learn the cultural life. The project was sponsored by the Community College Humanities Association. Haydel is one of only 24 participants to be selected from applicants nationwide.



Make A Difference In The Lives That Follow

Commencement for the Class of 2010 at Potomac State College of WVU was again a joyous affair. Academic achievement should always be celebrated.

Many appreciate that private support is crucial to the future of Potomac State and its students. Gifts received now and in the future will help the educational programs grow and improve in quality.

One popular way to provide helpful support is through a gift provision included in a will. Make sure your attorney uses the wording: "...to the West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of Potomac State College of WVU."

Such a future gift could provide for academic scholarships, faculty development funds, library or technology upgrades, facility improvements, or unrestricted program support.

Another easy choice is to designate the WVU Foundation as the beneficiary of all or part of a retirement account. Having an agreement prepared that assures that the funds received will benefit Potomac State is all it takes.

Each commencement ceremony reminds us that Potomac State has had and will continue to have a significant effect on those who want and need a college education. Your help in making it a better one will always be appreciated.

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Student Brag Book

Two athletes honored with listing in the Special Academic Issue of the NJCAA Review



Jeremiah Bowman (left), a catcher on the baseball team was named Academic All-American for attaining a grade point average between 3.6 and 3.79.



Luke Dempsey (right), an engineering major on the golf team, was named Distinguished Academic All-American for attaining a grade point average between 3.8 and 4.0. The golf team as a whole also received the NJCAA All-Academic Team Award.

Students Volunteer Time

During spring break, Potomac State students, staff and members of the community once again participated in community service projects. The group traveled to Gilbert, W.Va., in the southern part of the state, to help repair homes that were damaged by floods.



Student Garners National Award



Stephanie Lloyd (left) a member of the Collegiate DECA Club at Potomac State earned second place at the 2010 Delta Epsilon Chi's International Career Development Conference, held earlier this spring in Louisville, Ky. Also attending the conference was Club Advisor Jaynie Gilbert.